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What Is Bullying?



Involves intentional, and largely unprovoked, efforts to harm another.

It can be physical or verbal, and direct or indirect in nature.

- Direct – verbal and physical aggression
- Indirect – threats, insults, name calling, spreading rumor, writing hurtful graffiti, or encouraging other not to play with a particular child.

Involves repeated negative actions by individuals or groups against another over time.



What Does Bullying Sound & Look Like?

Handout

The Bullying Circle

Handout



The BULLY/BULLIES
Start the bullying and
take an active part



SUPPORTERS,
Defenders of the Victim
Dislike the bullying and help
or try to help the victim



**FOLLOWERS,
HENCHMEN**
Take an active part but do
not start the bullying



The VICTIM
The one who is exposed



POSSIBLE DEFENDERS
Dislike the bullying and
think they ought to help
(but do not)



**PASSIVE
BULLY/BULLIES**
Support the bullying but do
not take an active part



PASSIVE SUPPORTERS.
Possible Bully/Bullies
Like the bullying but do
not display open support



DISENGAGED ONLOOKERS
Watch what happens but
do not take a stand

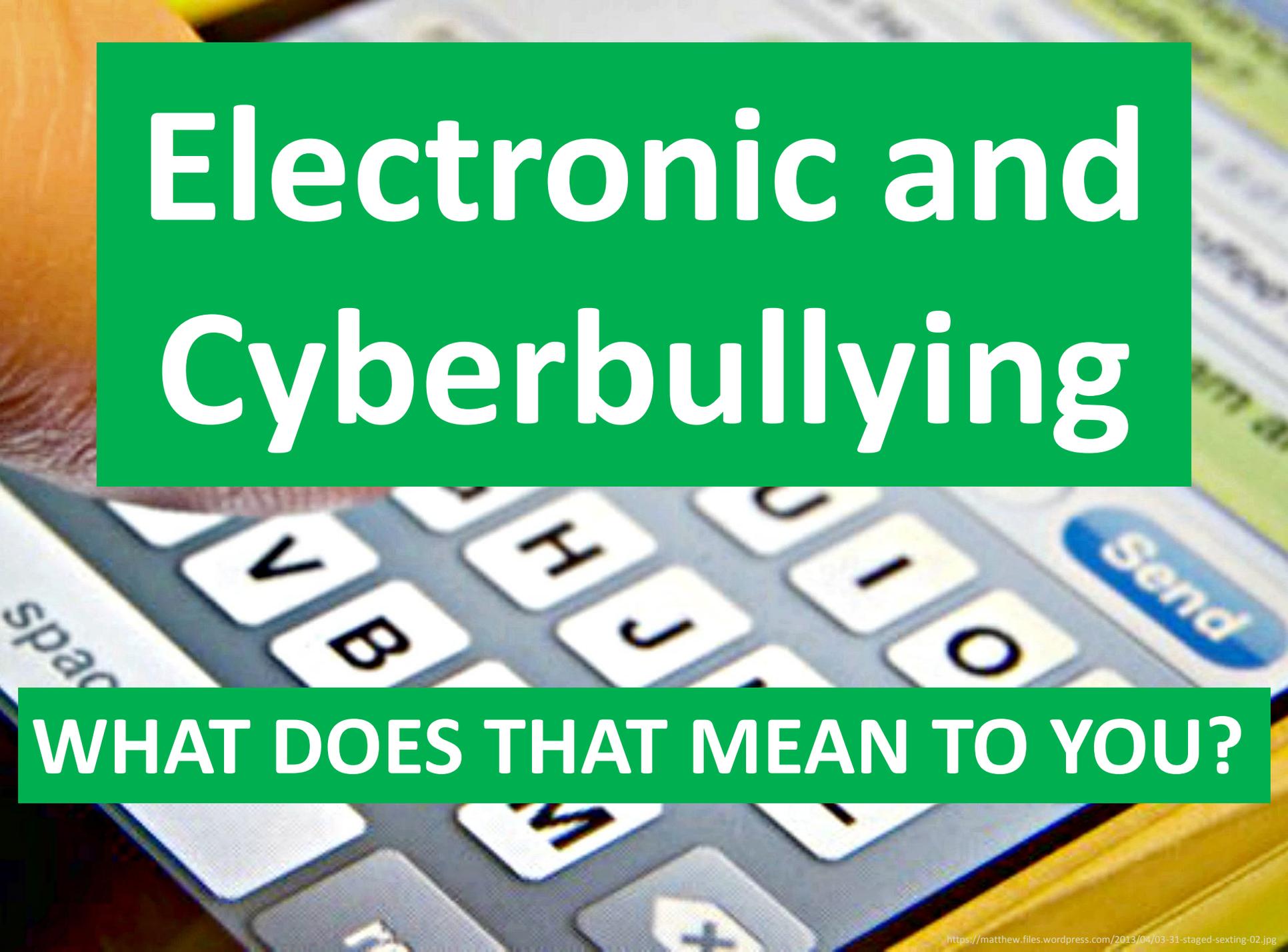


[“Strength In Numbers” Video](#)

BEING A “DEFENDER”

- Be a friend
- Tell an adult
- Help them get away
- Don't give bullying an audience
- Set a good example
- It is a lot like being a police officer





Electronic and Cyberbullying

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO YOU?

Cyberbullying Defined

“Cyberbullying is harassment and bullying that takes place online or through the use of electronic devices and information to send or post cruel or harmful messages about an individual or group.”

Inappropriate Texting

Definition:

Sending pictures of the private areas of your body that your bathing suit would cover in text messages via cell phone or instant messenger.

- ❖ Teen girls are slightly more likely to do this than boys.
- ❖ 11% of young teen girls (ages 13 to 16) admitted to sending suggestive photos of themselves.

- Photos and videos sent privately can easily be shared with others. (YOUR BOYFRIEND OR GIRLFRIEND MIGHT NOT ALWAYS BE YOUR BOYFRIEND OR GIRLFRIEND).
- Once an image reaches the internet it is there FOREVER!
- 51% of teen girls cite pressure from guys as reason to send inappropriate pictures, while only 18% of teen boys say they have been pressured.
- Taking and sending inappropriate pictures is illegal under federal and state law and is a felony offense.

Potential Problems

SEVERE FORMS OF BULLYING



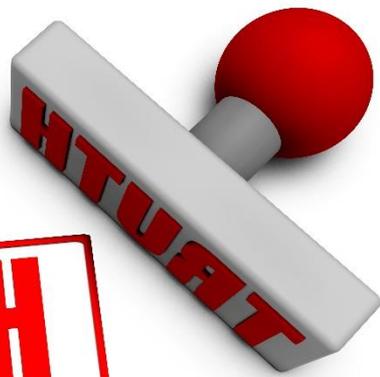
Human Trafficking

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Gangs

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is when people persuade children/other adults to join their “group” or “family” and then force them to do inappropriate acts with others or forcing them to work tireless hours with little or no pay.



Truths About Traffickers

- Are people of all ages, not just adults.
- They will threaten or use force against their victims to make them do what they want (coercion).
- They will threaten force upon loved ones to make victims do what they want.
- They will isolate victims from their family and friends.

The Lures Of Human Traffickers

- Offering a sense of family.
- Offering a sense of security.
- Being interested in what interest you.
- Saying nice things about your personal appearance or clothing.
- Buying you gifts.

Avoid Becoming A Victim

DO NOT post personal information online.

DO NOT post your plans and activities in a chat room or on your personal website.

DO NOT communicate with someone who has made you feel uncomfortable or afraid.

DO NOT join online groups or games without talking to your parents.

DO NOT meet with someone you met online.

Avoid Becoming A Victim

- **DO** remember that people can lie online and say they are something they are not.
- **DO** save messages that upset you and show them to your parents or guardian.
- **DO** share all of your passwords with your parents or guardians.





A group of people who claim a territory and use it to make money through illegal activities (i.e., drug trafficking, gun trafficking, and human trafficking).



RECRUITING STARTS YOUNG:

GANGS

- Gangs can be organized based upon race, ethnicity, territory or money-making activities and are generally made up of members ages 8 to 22.
- Members of gangs wear specific articles of clothing to be recognized as part of the group such as bandanas, hats, scarves of certain colors or gang-related tattoos or symbols

Gang Lures

- It gives the impression of family.
- For some children it gives a father- or mother-like figure to look up too.
- It gives a sense of protection.
- There is a pressure to fit in.
- Some seek it for the excitement.
- Some look at it as a potential income opportunity, especially if jobs in that area are scarce.



The Increased Risks for Youth In Gangs

- Dropping out of school
- Teen parenthood
- Unemployment
- Victimization
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Committing petty and violent crimes
- Juvenile conviction and incarceration
- A permanent criminal record
- Increased chance for violence and death

GUN SAFETY



- If you see a gun, DO NOT touch it
- Tell an adult IMMEDIATELY!
- Guns are NOT toys and shouldn't be treated like one.
- Guns should ALWAYS be treated as if they are loaded.

STOP!

DON'T TOUCH.

RUN AWAY.

TELL A GROWN-UP.



Real vs. Fake

Still not sure?!?!

Don't feel bad, most adults
don't either.

Many toy guns look very
real. ALWAYS assume a
gun is real until proven
otherwise.

So.....

Real vs. Fake



REAL

The Choking Game

IS NOT A GAME AT ALL!!!

Whose “playing the Choking Game?

- Mostly boys and girls between the ages of 9-16 year old.

It’s estimated as many as 250 to 1,000 young people die in the United States each year playing some variant of the Choking Game.

Why are kids doing this?

- Some do it for the high, which can become addictive. Others do it because it's “cool” and risky. Most kids who have died from this were active, intelligent, stable children who thought this was a safe alternative to drugs and alcohol.

The Choking Game

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What your friends might tell you...

The TRUTH...

You'll get a warm and fuzzy feeling. It's no big deal

You may feel warm and fuzzy, but this is because thousands of brain cells are dying. Brain cells you will never get back.

Nothing bad ever happens.

Not true. You can pass out from the lack of oxygen. Sometimes kids need to be resuscitated.

It's safer than using drugs.

Choking yourself is just as dangerous and just as addictive.

Sometimes you twitch...it's so funny.

The body twitches because the brain is experiencing a seizure. At this point the brain damage taking place can't be reversed.

It's safe to do if you have friends with you.

It is NEVER safe. Pressure on the nerves can cause an immediate heart attack.

REMEMBER

With responsible decision-making, many of the risky situations CAN be avoided.

REMEMBER



time for **questions**